

TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE RIGHT-OF-WAY

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(Responsible Person)

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE NUMBER OF APPLICATION: _____
Home _____ Work _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION: _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATION: _____

NUMBER OF SIGNS TO BE PLACED: _____

DATES SIGNS TO BE PLACED (**NOT TO EXCEED 21 DAYS** PER CITY ORDINANCE)

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

MESSAGE OF EACH SIGN: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE BUILDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL DATE

1103. MISCELLANEOUS SIGN PROVISIONS

1103.1 Christmas displays

Christmas displays and similar temporary displays erected without advertising shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter, but shall be subject to the Fire Code and rules and regulations for fire safety promulgated by the Fire Marshal.

1103.2 Political signs

No permit shall be required for a sign erected solely for and relating to a public election for a period commencing 60 days before and for 10 days following such public election, provided that such unpermitted sign shall be located on private property only, shall be constructed of lightweight material, and shall not exceed 50 square feet in size.

1103.3 Signs on public rights-of-way

- (1) With the exception of signs lawfully permitted or erected prior to June 16, 1981, a person commits an offense if the person places a sign upon a public street, public sidewalk, public right-of-way, public curb or other public improvement without the express consent of the City Council. A person may, however, place coin-operated devices to display and vend newspapers and which do not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (2) City Council authorizes the seizure and removal of any unlawful sign found within a public right-of-way. The Building Official, street department employees, and police department employees are authorized to impound any unlawful signs found on a public right-of-way and to hold the same in a storage area for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, except that any developer, political, real estate, garage sale or other similar stake-type signs constructed of cloth, wood, paper or similar light weight materials shall be disposed of immediately. Any sign held by the City may be redeemed by the owner thereof upon the payment of a fee to the City of \$50.00 for hauling plus \$10.00 per day storage. Such fee shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any fine imposed upon the owner for violation of this Code. Any sign not redeemed by the owner thereof within thirty (30) days may be disposed of in the same manner as other abandoned and surplus property in the possession of the City.
- (3) Temporary signs may be placed in the public right-of-ways when all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) temporary non-commercial signs designating an event may be placed within the public right-of-way provided the person or entity desiring to place said signs in

the right-of-way obtain a permit to do so from the Chief Building Official of the City. The signs must be free standing, i.e. cannot be attached to a utility pole, sign pole, or other permanent structure in the right-of-way, and cannot exceed the size of six (6) square feet;

- (b) a temporary sign may not be placed in the right-of-way for a period exceeding twenty-one (21) days;
- (c) a limit of two permits per year (per organization) with a minimal time period of forty-five (45) days between permit periods;
- (d) removal of the temporary signs must be accomplished before the twenty-second (22nd) from when the permit was issued by the responsible person, as noted on the permit;
- (e) a limit of two signs per intersection must not be exceeded and one (1) sign per city block;
- (f) a maximum of fifty (50) signs may be placed within the city limits under the guidelines of this section;
- (g) failure to remove signs by the eighth (8th) day will place each sign and the responsible person, as noted on the permit, under the regulations as written in (1) and (2) of 1103.3 of the Code;
- (h) signs shall not display any language or script or design that is considered adult content or discriminatory towards race or religion;
- (i) each placed sign must have affixed to it a stamp or sticker as provided by the Building Official that includes the permit number and contact information; and
- (j) no temporary signs are allowed on IH-45 or State Highway 19 rights of way.

1103.4 Signs not to obstruct

- (1) A person commits an offense if the person erects, constructs, or maintains a sign that obstructs any means of egress, or any opening necessary for required light, ventilation or fire fighting or for escape from the premises, or prevents free passage from one part of a roof to any other part.
- (2) A person commits an offense if the person attaches a sign to any exterior stairway, fire escape, fire tower balcony, or balcony serving as a horizontal exit.